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ATTITUDES OF ISRAEL' S SOVIET IMMIGRANTS TOWARD THEIR ABODE

REF: STATE 49938

1. IN REPLY TO DEPARTMENT' S QUERY (PARA 3 REFTEL) , EMBASSY SHARES DEPARTMENT' S BELIEF THAT PROPORTION OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS SETTLING IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES EXCLUSIVE OF EAST JERUSALEM IS EXTREMELY SMALL-- SMALL NOT ONLY AS PROPORTION OF IMMIGRANTS, BUT ALSO AS PROPORTION OF THOSE VERY FEW ISRAELIS WHO ARE SETTLING IN TERRITORIES. EMBASSY HAS QUERIED APPROPRIATE GOI SOURCE, WHO INDICATED DATA ON SOVIET IMMIGRANTS (IF ANY) SETTLING IN TERRITORIES NO READILY AVAILABLE, BUT HE WOULD CHECK. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD REPLY WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT SOVIET IMMIGRANTS IN LARGE MAJORITY WANT TO SETTLE IN WELL ESTABLISHED ISRAELI CITIES AND LARGE TOWNS
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AND ARE INDUCED TO ACCEPT HOUSING IN SMALL COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT TOWNS IN ISRAEL ONLY WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN TERRITORIES ARE (A) MINISCULE IN POPULATION SIZE, (B) BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENTS, AND (C) SOCIALISTIC IN ORGANIZATION; ON ALL THREE COUNTS THEY ARE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE PLACES TO LIVE TO LARGE MAJORITY OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS.

3. EMBASSY EXPECTS AVERSION AMONG SOVIET IMMIGRANTS TO SETTLING IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO CONTINUE. ONLY IF SOME PLAN SHOULD GO FORWARD FOR ESTABLISHING CITY IN TERRITORIES, SUCH AS DAYAN' S PET SCHEME FOR PORT CITY OF YAMIT IN NORTH-EASTERN SINAI (WHICH SAPIR HAS SCOTCHED), MIGHT THIS SITUATION CHANGE. IN THIS CASE, NATIONALIST- MINDED YOUNG PEOPLE AMONG SOVIET IMMIGRANTS MIGHT BE WILLING TO SETTLE IN SUCH CITY (AND SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF YOUNG SOVIET IMMIGRANTS ARE TURNING OUT TO BE STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC ISRAELIS).

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